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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 10a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3       The amount of the annual appropriation to be allocated to each  
4       independent college or university shall be determined by its actual  
5       full-time equivalent enrollment of Connecticut undergraduate students  
6       during the fall semester of the fiscal year two years prior to the grant  
7       year. The number of eligible undergraduate Connecticut students  
8       under sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive, shall be determined by the  
9       board but the awards based upon such computation shall not exceed  
10      the total available appropriation. Each participating college shall  
11      expend all of the moneys received under this program as direct  
12      financial assistance for grants for educational expenses and student  
13      employment to Connecticut undergraduate students. Direct financial  
14      assistance does not include loans to Connecticut students which must  
15      be repaid to the college at some future date. For each fiscal year a

16 minimum of ten per cent of the total institutional state student  
 17 financial aid which exceeds the amount appropriated to each  
 18 independent institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, shall  
 19 be used for student financial aid for needy minority students in  
 20 accordance with the board of governors' plan for racial and ethnic  
 21 diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum of [five]  
 22 fifteen per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid  
 23 [appropriated] to each institution [which exceeds the amount received  
 24 by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988,] for  
 25 incoming freshmen shall be used for [on-campus or off-campus  
 26 community service work-study placements] students who have  
 27 declared a major in a high technology field, biotechnology, or other  
 28 high workforce development need area, as determined by the  
 29 Department of Higher Education and the Office of Workforce  
 30 Competitiveness. Participating independent colleges and universities  
 31 shall provide the Department of Higher Education with data and  
 32 reports necessary to administer the program and shall maintain, for a  
 33 period of not less than three years, records substantiating the reported  
 34 number of full-time equivalent Connecticut students and  
 35 documentation utilized by the college or university in determining  
 36 eligibility of the Connecticut independent college student grant  
 37 recipients. Such records shall be subject to audit. Funds not obligated  
 38 by a college or university shall be returned by January fifteenth of the  
 39 fiscal year of the grant to the Department of Higher Education for  
 40 reallocation to other institutions participating in this program. Any  
 41 funds so returned by a college or university shall be redistributed to all  
 42 other independent colleges and universities participating in the  
 43 program in accordance with the formula set forth in this section using  
 44 the most recent enrollment data available to the Board of Governors of  
 45 Higher Education.

46 Sec. 2. Section 10a-169 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 47 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

48 For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any

49 student (1) who is a resident of the state as defined under sections 10a-  
50 28, 10a-29 and 10a-30, (2) who has not received a baccalaureate degree,  
51 and (3) who has been accepted for study on a full-time or part-time  
52 basis at any postsecondary school, technical institute, college or  
53 university within the state or in any other state which permits its  
54 students to bring state student financial assistance funds into  
55 Connecticut shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol  
56 scholarship grant program at any stage of postsecondary study. All  
57 such institutions shall be previously approved or accredited by the  
58 Board of Governors of Higher Education or by the State Board of  
59 Education for postsecondary study. Grants under said program shall  
60 be based on financial need and either previous high school academic  
61 achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests,  
62 as determined by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The  
63 maximum award tendered to a student attending an institution in the  
64 state shall not exceed two thousand dollars annually. The maximum  
65 award tendered to a student attending an out-of-state institution shall  
66 not exceed five hundred dollars annually. Sums so awarded shall be  
67 disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of the student for  
68 tuition fees, books, board or any legitimate educational expense. For  
69 each fiscal year a minimum of fifteen per cent of the total amount of  
70 state student financial aid available to each institution for incoming  
71 freshmen, shall be used for students who have declared a major in a  
72 high technology field, biotechnology or other high workforce  
73 development need area, as determined by the Department of Higher  
74 Education and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

75 Sec. 3. Section 10a-164a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
76 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

77 (a) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall annually  
78 request an appropriation to the Department of Higher Education equal  
79 to the amount required, for the fiscal year two years prior, for tuition  
80 waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and  
81 student employment under subsection (e) of section 10a-77, subsection

(e) of section 10a-99 and subsection (f) of section 10a-105. The department shall allocate any such appropriation to The University of Connecticut, each of the Connecticut state universities and each of the regional community-technical colleges in accordance with a formula approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The formula shall take into account the amount of federal student aid received by students at each institution. The amounts allocated shall be used to provide grants for educational expenses and student employment for residents of the state who demonstrate substantial financial need and are enrolled as full-time or part-time matriculated students in a degree-granting program or a precollege remedial program or are enrolled in Charter Oak State College and are attending a public institution of higher education. For each fiscal year a minimum of ten per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid appropriated to each institution which exceeds the amount received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, shall be used for student financial aid for needy minority students in accordance with the board's strategic plan for racial and ethnic diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum of [five] fifteen per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid [appropriated] available to each institution [which exceeds the amount received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988,] for incoming freshmen shall be used for [on-campus or off-campus community service work-study placements] students who have declared a major in a high technology field, biotechnology or other high workforce development need area, as determined by the Department of Higher Education and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness. Individual awards shall not exceed a student's calculated financial need as determined on the basis of a needs analysis system approved by the United States Department of Education. Financial aid provided to Connecticut residents under this program shall be designated as a grant from the Connecticut aid to public college students grant program.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section

116 to the contrary, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1989, and June 30,  
117 1990, no institution shall have its allocation pursuant to this section  
118 reduced for the subsequent fiscal year solely because the institution  
119 did not use, for on-campus or off-campus community service work-  
120 study placements, a minimum of five per cent of the total amount of  
121 state student financial aid appropriated to the institution which  
122 exceeds the amount received by the institution for the fiscal year  
123 ending June 30, 1988.

124 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*